

35 U.S.C. Rejection Section 102 and subheading paragraph.

The action rejects Claims 1, and 11-15 as being anticipated by Lavin (5,909,360). Applicant has canceled these claims from the application. The rejection based on Lavin is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

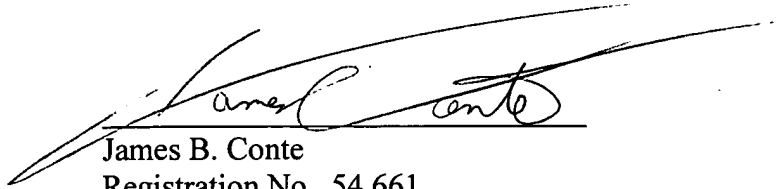
The action at items 4-5 indicates Claims 2-10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended Claim 2 to stand in independent form. Claim 2 includes all of the limitations of original Claims 1. Claim 2 is thus allowed. The remaining claims, 3-10 are dependent on allowable Claim 2. Thus, these claims are allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant has amended the application to place all of the pending in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance should not issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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